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**SUBJECT: POLICY CLARIFICATION: Special Suicide Risk Assessment**

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This memorandum is intended to clarify the responsibilities of Tribal and Regional Behavioral Health Authorities (T/RBHAs) in meeting the Arizona Department of Health Services/Division of Behavioral Health Services (ADHS/DBHS) policy requirements regarding the addition of the Special Suicide Risk Assessment Addendum to Provider Manual Section 3.9, Intake, Assessment and Service Planning effective on January 1, 2006.

Since the Division has not yet conducted training on the use of the Special Suicide Risk Assessment Addendum to the T/RBHAs, the effective date for the Suicide Risk Assessment Addendum will be July 1, 2006, rather than January 1, 2006. The remainder of Provider Manual Section 3.9, Intake, Assessment and Service Planning, remains effective on January 1, 2006. The Division will be conducting training on use of the Special Suicide Risk Assessment Addendum prior to July 1, 2006.

We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.